Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Frank Wilaby was born on March 25, 1909, in Brookings County, South Dakota; and,

Whereas, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

Whereas, Frank married Gladys Erickson on December 28, 1932, and to this union six children were born, Janet, Darrel, Meriel, Ardys, Faye, and Garry, who also blessed their lives with 17 grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren, and 4 great-great-grandchildren; and,

Whereas, Frank farmed for a time, worked at South Dakota State University, and after retirement, continued to work part-time for the Soil Conservation office and Brookings County Court House. Frank also served on the Bushnell Town Board, School Board, and as mayor of Bushnell; and,

Whereas, Frank enjoyed fishing in the early years of his life, continues to makes good use of the library as an avid reader, and attributes his longevity to his 2 to 3-mile walk each day with his wheeled walker; and,

Whereas, Frank resides at Park Place Assisted Living, Brookings, South Dakota, and will observe his 100th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as his friends and relatives gather on his birthday and again on April 25, 2009, to honor him and celebrate his life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a man who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim March 25, 2009, as

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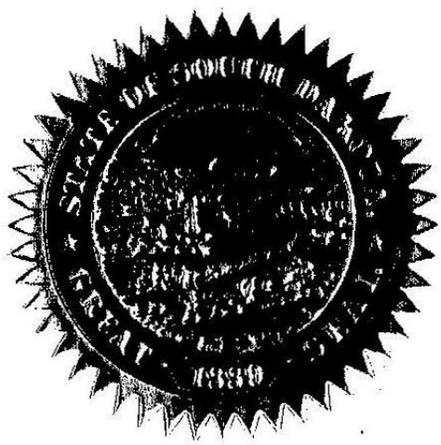
in South Dakota, and I join all his many friends and relatives in wishing him a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Ninth Day of March in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Nine.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State